

USDI, Bureau of Land Management
Three Rivers Resource Area, Burns District
Hines, OR 97738

Decision Record
for
Egli Ridge Guzzler
Environmental Assessment
OR-025-03-070

DECISION RECORD:

Having considered a range of alternatives including a No Action Alternative and associated impacts within the analysis of the Egli Ridge Guzzler Environmental Assessment, it is my decision to implement the proposed action. The proposed action is to construct a wildlife guzzler complex on Egli Ridge, with a holding capacity of approximately 3,600 gallons.

Rationale: I have selected the proposed action for the following reasons:

The proposed action will provide a reliable year-round water source to big game and other wildlife species in an area where water is the limiting habitat component much of the year.

The Bureau of Land Management provided a 30-day public review period, following announcements in the local newspaper and on the Internet, and received no comments. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation are partners on the project.

The proposed action is in compliance with all Federal laws.

It is in compliance with the Three Rivers Resource Management Plan (1992).

The decision does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and Form 1842-1. If an appeal is filed, your notice must be filed in the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738 by October 6, 2003. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed is in error.

If you wish to file a petition, pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21, for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied.
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits.
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted.
4. Whether or not the public interest favors granting the stay.

Signature on file
Joan M. Suther
Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager

9/5/2003
Date